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Missourians will be interested in this week's meetings of the National Council on Disability (NCD) meetings in Topeka, KS. The NCD Thursday agenda will be devoted entirely to KanCare and managed care for individuals with disabilities. Developmental disability home and community-based services for 8,500 Kansans are scheduled to be transitioned into KanCare managed care January 1, while acute healthcare services and other other KanCare populations were moved to commercial managed care organizations early this year.

In Missouri, the final report of the Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Transformation calls for Missouri Medicaid participants with disabilities to be moved into accountable care organizations" (ACOs), which can be commercial managed care organizations. During committee hearings, many expressed concerned with moving aged, blind and disabled populations into managed care arrangements.

Thursday's KanCare panel will be moderated by NCD member Gary Blumenthal. Gary is a former Kansas legislator from Shawnee in Johnson County, Kansas. He currently serves as Director of the Association of Developmental Disability Providers in Massachusetts. For Thursday's schedule, the Policy Panel and Discussion on KanCare implementation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 am followed by an NCD Managed Care Forum from 1 pm to 5 pm. You can find the agenda at <http://www.ncd.gov/events>.

Wednesday's NCD agenda also includes another Policy Panel: Living with a Disability in Rural America. Gary Maddox, the Director of the SW Center for Independent Living in Springfield will be one of the panel presenters.

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